

H.B. 5545

I am writing in support of this bill, which I think is a step in the right direction, but would ask that you amend the bill by striking language that I believe could have an adverse effect on people who have accepted sentencing under the provisions provided by the Holmes Youthful Training Act (H.Y.T.A.)

What concerns me in H. B. 5545 is specific reference in Section 3 (B). I would ask that you strike the words "attempted violation". I am not sure what it means, but I believe it could be construed to include H.Y.T.A. recipients, who do not have a conviction and should have the protection of the law under which they were sentenced.

What appeals to me in this proposed legislation is the effort to provide people with a process for appealing to a court for a review and the ability to petition for having their sentence set aside. That same assessment process should be granted to all who are currently listed on the M.S.O.R. and should begin with H.Y.T.A. recipients.

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